

AM? } a ring gear coupled to said output shaft of said hydraulic motor; and  
} a pair of pinion gears disposed within said ring gear and coupled to said pair of bevel  
gears, whereby said ring gear is supported within said housing by said pair of axles.--

**Remarks**

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, independent claim 7 is the only claim pending in the application. Claims 1-6 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claim 7 is added. The subject matter of new claim 7 is contained in the application as originally filed. Accordingly, the foregoing amendment does not introduce new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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